

Death Gratuity Process: Ensuring beneficiary(ies) receives death gratuity payment

Point of Contact

Division: Soldier Family Support and Services Division (ARNG-HRF)

Description

Death gratuity payment is intended to assist the beneficiary(ies) with immediate financial needs until long-term benefits commence. Death gratuity is paid in the amount of \$100,000. Effective July 1, 2008, a Soldier may designate on DD Form 93 (Record of Emergency) one or more beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the death gratuity payment. Death gratuity is paid to beneficiary(ies) of a: deceased active duty Soldier, Soldiers who die within 120 days of separation, or retirement from active duty if death is a result of service-connected injury or illness.

Regulations and Supporting Resources

[AR 600-8-1, Army Casualty Program](#)

[Army Casualty Notification and Assistance Guide](#)

[Military Benefits Website - Death Gratuity](#)

[Military OneSource Website](#)

Documents and Forms

[A Survivor's Guide to Benefits: Taking Care of Our Own](#)

CMAOC Training, Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO)

[DD Form 397, Claim Certification and Voucher for Death Gratuity Payment](#)

[DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data](#)

[SF 1199A, Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form](#)

Related Processes

[Casualty Assistance Process](#)

Ensuring the next of kin (NOK) and beneficiaries receive support after a death occurs

Systems

N/A

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